(a) whether Tribal land can be sold to non-tribals;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Tribal land can be mortgaged to banks for loan purpose; and

(d) if so, the details of such transactions in Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) to (d) The requisite information is being collected.

Non-tribals in scheduled areas as equals

†2086. SHRI ALI ANWAR: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that by showing all the categories of non-tribals in scheduled areas as equals, even the existence of tribal dalits and other smaller communities has been negated;

(b) if so, whether this kind of issue has been brought to the notice of Government; and

(c) whether Government would take appropriate action to resolve the said problem?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PR. KYNDIAH): (a) There is no category of Scheduled Tribes known as "tribal dalits".

(b) and (e) Do not arise.

Bill for rights of tribals

†2087. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee considering the Bill regarding rights of tribals on forests has been received by Government.

(b) if so, the details there of;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the details of the recommendations accepted and rejected by Government; and

(d) the reasons for not accepting the recommendations of JPC?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Joint Committee of Parliament, which examined the Scheduled Tribes (Recognition of Forest Rights) Bill, 2005 introduced in the Lok Sabha on 13.12.2005, has presented its report to the Lok Sabha on 23.5.2006, which was also laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha on the same day. The Joint Committee of Parliament has made several amendments to the Bill introduced in the Lok Sabha on 13.12.2005, and reported a revised Bill titled "The Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dweller (Recognition of Forest Rights) Bill, 2006".

(c) and (d) The final views of the Government on the recommendations of the Joint Committee of Parliament would be know when the Bill is taken up for consideration and passing in the Parliament.

ST status to Kol tribe people

2088. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that people belonging to Kol tribe have been given the status of a tribe in the States of Orissa, Chhattisgarh, Uttaranchal, Jharkhand, Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the reasons that such recognition has not been given in Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) and (b) Kol Tribe has been notified as Scheduled Tribe in the States of Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Orissa only.

The list of Scheduled Tribes in relation to a State or Union Territory is notified under the provisions of Article 342 of the Constitution of India. Accordingly, the list of notified Scheduled Tribes is State/Union Territory specific. Before any community can be considered for inclusion in the Scheduled Tribes list of any State/UT it must fulfill the criteria adopted by